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SUBJ: KENYAN INTEREST IN ARMY AND AIR FORCE TRAINING IN U.S.

1. EMBASSY WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO RESPOND ASAP TO INFORMAL KENYA DEFENSE MINISTRY EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST OVER RECENT MONTHS IN U.S. MILITARY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH MIGHT BE OPEN TO KENYAN ARMY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS WHICH WOULD BE ROUGHLY COMPARABLE TO TRAINING JUST GIVEN TO MAJOR SUERO OF KENYAN NAVY AT U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE.

2. MAJOR SUERO HAS RETURNED TO KENYA VERY PLEASED WITH TRAINING HE RECEIVED. MOREOVER, VICE ADMIRAL TURNER, PRESIDENT OF U.S. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE, HAS JUST SENT LETTERS PRAISING SUERO'S PERFORMANCE TO KENYAN DEFENSE MINISTER AND NAVY. THIS LIKELY TO TRIGGER RENEWED GOK INTEREST IN OTHER TRAINING POSSIBILITIES.

3. FIRST SPECIFIC EXPRESSION KENYAN INTEREST IN ARMY AND AIR FORCE TRAINING POSSIBILITIES IN U.S. MADE LAST JANUARY BY DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY KIEREINI TO VADM TURNER AND CHARGE DURING CALL AT MINISTRY TO EXPLAIN NAVAL WAR COLLEGE PROGRAM MAJOR SUERO WAS ABOUT TO ATTEND. KIEREINI INDICATED INTEREST IN U.S. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONE KENYAN ARMY AND ONE KENYAN AIR FORCE OFFICER OF ABOUT CAPTAIN OR MAJOR RANK. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE ARMY OFFICER TO RECEIVE STAFF LEVEL TRAINING SUCH AS GIVEN AT LEAVENWORTH. IN CASE OF AIR FORCE OFFICER, KIEREINI WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER PILOT TRAINING WOULD BE POSSIBLE. DETAILS OF FOREGOING REQUEST TRANSMITTED TO LTC COYKENDALL OF AF FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INFORMATION TO DATE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE CABLED SUMMARY OF WHAT IF ANY TRAINING MIGHT
BE AVAILABLE, INCLUDING LENGTH OF COURSES, SHARE OF COST GOK
EXPECTED TO BEAR, ETC.
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